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THE
FORM AND MANNER
OF
CONSECRATING
A NEW
CHURCH OR CHAPEL
AND
BURYING GROUND.

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Consecration of a Church or Chapel.

Churchwarden or Deputy.

By Leave, I humbly desire your leave, that in the name of the will of the Parliament of this Realm, and the authority thereof, I may be allowed to proceed to consecrate this new Church or Chapel, and to perform the same in the most convenient in this Point, which I now offer and present to your Consideration.

The Bishop, accepting the Petition, will answer and consent, saying

SEN—If this be your desire, and the desire of the Parishioners, in the Name of God let us begin.

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy Holy Name; and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the Bishop and Clergy entering the Church or Chapel by the west door, and proceeding up the middle thereof towards the east end, repeat alternately (the Bishop beginning) the 24th Psalm.

THE earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is; the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

For He hath founded it upon the seas: and prepared it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord: or who shall rise up in His holy place?

He that hath his hands joined together, and says, I will not lift up my hands to the Lord, for I am a stranger and a pilgrim.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord: and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek Him: even of them that seek thy face O Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in.

Who is the King of Glory? It is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in.

Who is the King of Glory? Even the Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

When the Bishop is seated, he is to have the instrument or instruments of donation and endowment

presented to him by the Founder, or some proper substitute, which he will lay on the Communion Table, and then standing on the North side thereof, and turning to the Congregation, will say,

DEARLY beloved in the Lord, Forasmuch as devout and holy men, as well under the Law as under the Gospel, moved either by the secret interpretation of the blessed Spirit, or by express command of God, or by their own reason and sense of the natural decency of things, have viewed houses for the dwelling of God, and have separated them from all profane and worldly uses, and have dedicated them unto God, and have committed them to His sacred Ministry, and after that have with pure devotion and kneeling in His service, which place becometh our heavenly Father, humbly besought to approve and accept; let us not doubt but he will also graciously

Burying Ground is to be omitted if none is to be Consecrated.

approve this our godly purpose of setting apart this place in solemn manner to religious worship, and let us faithfully and devoutly beg His blessing on this undertaking, and say,

The Bishop (kneeling) will say the Prayer following.

O ETHERNAL GOD, mighty in power, of majesty incomprehensible, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands, and who yet has been graciously pleased to promise thy especial presence in whatsoever place even two or three of thy faithful servants shall assemble in thy name to offer up their supplications and their praises to thee; vouchsafe, O Lord, to be now present with us, who are gathered here together to consecrate this place, with all humility and readiness of heart, to the honor of thy great Name, separating it henceforth from all unhallowed, ordinary, and common uses, and dedicating it entirely to thy service, for reading therein thy most holy Word, for celebrating thy holy Sacraments, for offering to thy glorious Majesty the sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving, for blessing thy people in thy Name, and performing all other holy ordinances; accept, O Lord, this service at our hands, and bless it with such success as may most tend to thy glory and the furtherance of our happiness both temporal and spiritual, through Jesus Christ our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

After this, the Bishop (standing up, and turning his face towards the Congregation) will say,

REGARD, O Lord, the supplications of thy servants, and grant that whosoever shall be dedicated to thee in this house by Baptism, may be sanctified with the Holy Ghost, delivered from thy wrath and eternal death, and received as a living member of Christ's Church, and may ever remain in the number of thy faithful and elect children. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that they who in this place shall in their own persons undertake to renew the promises and vows made by their sureties for them at their baptism, and thereupon shall be confirmed by the Bishop, may continue thine for ever; and being preserved in the unity of thy Church, may daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more, and more, until they come to thine everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that whosoever shall receive in this place the blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ thy Son, may come to that holy ordinance with a true penitent heart, lively faith, and perfect charity; and being filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, may to their great and endless comfort obtain remission of their sins, and all other benefits of His passion. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that whosoever shall be joined together in this place in the holy estate of Matrimony, may faithfully perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made, and may remain in perfect love together unto their lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that all such as have, through thy mercy, been preserved in the great danger of Child-birth, and shall come to this place, according to their bounden duty, to give Thee thanks for the same, may through thy help, both faithfully live and walk according to thy will in this life present, and also be partakers of everlasting glory in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, O God, that all such offenders as, by godly discipline, shall be sent to this place, to give Thee glory by a public confession of their crimes, may by thine infinite grace come to a true sense of their sin and danger, and from their hearts repeat them truly of all their offences against Thee and their neighbour; and that all others may thereby be warned to flee from the wrath to come, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that all who enter into this place may behave themselves with great reverence, devotion, and humility, both of body and mind; and vouchsafe unto them what, in thine infinite wisdom and mercy, thou shalt see to be most expedient for them. And be pleased graciously to hear the prayers of thy servants in this place for all such as are afflicted in

mind, body, or estate, granting them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. [And thus we beg for Jesus Christ his sake.] Amen.

GRANT, O Lord, that by thy Holy Word which shall be read and preached in this place, the hearers thereof may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and may have grace and power to fulfil the same. Amen.

¶ Then the Bishop, sitting in his Chair, one of the Clergy is to read publicly (having been directed so to do by the Bishop) the contents of Consensus.

¶ After the reading of which, the Interim of Consensus is signed by the Bishop.

¶ Then the Officiating Minister reads the Morning Service for the Day.

Proper Psalms, 43. 123. 139.

Proper Lessons { *The First.* 1st Kings, VIII. c., v. 22—62.
The Second. Hebr. X. c., v. 19 to 26.

Instead of the Collect for the Day, the Bishop says the following Prayer.

O MOST blessed Saviour, who by thy gracious presence at the Feast of Dedication, didst approve and honor those and such like religious services, be pleased so to protect our souls by thy grace that we may be living temples, holy and acceptable unto Thee: and, being cleansed from all carnal and corrupt affections, may be devoutly given to serve Thee in good works, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever our God, world without end. Amen.



¶Then is to be read by one of the Bishop's Chaplains
THE EPISTLE. 1st Corinthians III. c., v. 16 to the end.

16. Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?
17. If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy: for the temple of God is holy; which temple ye are.
18. Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.
19. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written "He taketh the wise in his own craftiness."
20. And again, "The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain."
21. Therefore let no man glory in men: for all things are yours:
22. Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours;
23. And ye are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

Here endeth the Epistle.

¶And by another Chaplain, if present.
THE GOSPEL. St. John X. c., v. 11 to 17.

11. I am the Good Shepherd: the Good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep.
12. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.
13. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.
14. I am the Good Shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.
15. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.
16. And other sheep I have, which are not of this Fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice: and there shall be One Fold and One Shepherd.

¶Then the Bishop reads the Nicene Creed.

¶After which the 100th Psalm is sung.

THE SERMON.

¶The Sermon being ended, the Vessels for the Holy Communion are brought to the Bishop, who reverently presents them on the Holy Table, and says the following Prayer.

MOST blessed Lord, accept, we beseech Thee, of the oblation we make unto Thee of these Vessels, which we humbly dedicate to thy Divine Service at thy Holy Table. And as we now give them up wholly to thy use in the ministration of the Holy Communion of Christ's body and blood, so we pray thee to receive them for thine own. Preserve them from being any way profaned; and being here set apart and consecrated by our office and ministry to thy service, let them always continue to be so employed, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

¶Then shall the Bishop and Clergy proceed with the Sentences appointed to be said at the Offertory, and so on to the end of the Holy Communion.





